

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1892.

The river was rising slowly, last evening, with 6 feet 3 inches water on the falls.

FOR NEW ORLEANS.—The favorite steamer Fanny Smith starts for New Orleans to-day. She is an excellent boat, with superior accommodations, and shippers and persons traveling south will consult their interests by patronizing her.

The fine steamer Fashion leaves for St. Louis to-morrow. She is the regular Friday packet.

A new steamer called the Luther M. Kennett, bearing her name in honor of the Mayor of St. Louis, is ready to be launched at Cincinnati. She is 300 feet in length, and will carry upwards of 1000 tons. The Kennett is being built for freight, stock, and deck passengers, for the trade between New Orleans and St. Louis.

The Gen. Pike will shortly be out with her new machinery. We understand that she will take her place in the Cincinnati evening line in connection with the Lady Pike.

A new boat called the Moses Greenwood, arrived at the landing yesterday. She was built at Cincinnati.

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THE WEATHER.—Yesterday was decidedly the warmest day of the month, being quite spring-like in its temperature. The ladies took advantage of the mild weather, and were out in their strength, promenading the streets.

RESULTS OF REFORMED TAXATION IN NEW YORK.—The subject of equal taxation has invited the increased attention of legislators in a few years past to remove minor inequalities in assessments which in former times escaped observation. Gross inequalities and oppressions in raising revenue have often produced revolutions, and exhibited the pervading evils of tyranny; but where the largest masses of property have been subjected to the public burthens, the vigilant eye of reform has slept. But of late years the varied forms of property escaping a share of revenue have been searched out, and the beneficial results presented in the increase of taxables and diminution of rates. The astonishing increase of the former has convinced the public of the assiduous avoidance of wealth of its proper support of the State.

The great State of New York has marched in the van of reform, but the subject of taxation came last in the order of improvement. Increased equality now develops the errors of the past. The following will show the results, and the opinion of the Executive upon further reforms:

The act passed by the last Legislature, intended to compel the assessors to estimate taxable property at its full value, has resulted in a large increase of the valuation. In 1890, the entire real and personal estate was assessed at \$727,491,032; in 1891, the total assessment was \$1,040,000,000, being an increase of nearly \$300,000,000. This produces a corresponding increase in the proceeds of the half mill tax, which is presented on the entire valuation. The State tax should not, under any circumstances, be larger than is necessary for the support of a wise and economical administration. I would recommend a careful examination of the subject, with a view to determining whether the half mill tax may not safely be reduced to a smaller rate. Notwithstanding the important amendments adopted by the last Legislature, it is believed that the assessment laws require some further modifications for the purpose of securing a more equitable distribution of the public burthens.

While real estate of every description is assessed at its full value, considerable masses of capital in other forms continue to escape taxation. This inequity should be removed. Justice and good policy require that all property, having the protection of our laws, should be reached by assessment, and made to sustain the public authorities, upon principles of uniformity, except in equal cases, where it may be deemed beneficial to the State to grant an exemption from taxation by express legislation.

The great error comes from forgetting the theory of the voluntary principle tested by the oath of the tax payer. The true basis of taxation is for each tax payer to bring forward his share of the tax, and test his estimate by his oath. This theory, with the imposition of taxes upon all forms of property, approximates the true equality and development of property for its proper share of the tax.

In our notice of the new railroad car built by Christopher & Stanchiff, we stated that this firm had a contract with the Chattanooga Road. We understand that this is an error. They ought to have one, however, and if the contractors in our neighboring State could see the late specimens of their work for the Louisville and Frankfort road, they would, no doubt, get one.

The concert of Madame Durand and Signor Novelli at the Mozart Hall, on Tuesday evening, was large and fashionably attended. The singing of Madame Durand was exquisite, and produced raptures of applause. Indeed, we never saw a more delightful audience. We understand that it is the intention of Madame D. to give another concert at Mozart Hall the latter part of the present week.

A NARROW ESCAPE.—The St. Louis Intelligence says: "That during the fire at Cairo, a few days since, a very large amount of powder—some 2000 kegs—discharged by the steamer Pride of the West, and stowed in an out house or combustible oil shed, came very near exploding. At one time it was thought impossible to save the powder. There was no water at hand, both rivers being nearly frozen over, and for more than an hour the sparks and burning fragments which were constantly falling on and around the shed, were extinguished by the application of snow. During this time the whole population of the town and the officers and crews of five or six boats, were kept in a state of the greatest excitement. There was no retreating—the boats were frozen to the shore, and the severity of the weather precluded the possibility of exposure in the open air. By dint of hard labor and an incessant piling on of the snow, the building and perhaps many valuable lives were saved. The shed, we are told, stood but a few rods from the burning houses, and its preservation was almost a miracle.

Five houses were burned, and for the want of water, nothing could be done to arrest the flames. Mr. Hartell, a merchant, lost his entire stock of goods, amounting to over \$12,000, on which there was only \$2,000 insurance. It is said he also lost his books and papers, and about \$1,000 in cash, in getting four or five kegs of powder from his store."

ROBERTS.—A passenger on the Ben Franklin was robbed of a gold watch, and cane, yesterday morning shortly after the boat reached the wharf. The Police were immediately put on the track of the thief, but did not succeed in arresting him.

It will be seen by reference to another column, that Mr. W. R. O'Brien is a candidate for Night Watchman in the Second Ward.

Mrs. Mowatt is playing at the Holiday street theatre, Baltimore.

The cars for Frankfort left last evening with a large number of passengers.

The homestead law of New Hampshire, went into effect on the 1st inst.

Several thousand sacks of salt are at St. Louis, awaiting transportation to Cincinnati.

The magnificent steamer James Robb cost twenty-five thousand dollars.

The wharf boat at Mayville has been sunk by the ice.

Mr. John Cain, Auditor of this city, has resigned that office.

The Ladies' Fair, at the Lafayette engine house, has been, thus far, very successful.

The weather, for the last few days, has been very favorable for sugar making.

The ice has almost entirely disappeared, and navigation is again fairly resumed.

We are indebted to Mr. C. C. Green for late New York papers.

Dubufe's paintings of Adam and Eve are still in this city.

Venison of the most choice quality is now quite abundant in market.

The intervention resolutions have passed the New York State Senate.

The countess Ida Hahn Hahn, the novelist, is about to enter a Convent of Sisters of Mercy, at Mayence.

The wharf yesterday presented quite a busy appearance. A large number of steamers were receiving and discharging freight.

We learn that in places in this State and Indiana, the peach and cherry crop have been entirely destroyed by the recent cold weather.

A large number of cattle have been shipped from this city and vicinity, for New Orleans in the last three days.

The New York Common Council have tendered to the United States government a site for the mint in that city, free of charge.

The city scavengers were cleaning the streets in the central portion of the city yesterday.

Mr. L. B. White has taken his place as Mail Agent on the Pike No. 2, between this city and St. Louis.

The Free Masons turned out last evening to attend the funeral of a deceased member named Schroeder.

A meeting in behalf of the Irish exiles, took place at the court house in St. Louis on Saturday last.

The State House at Columbus, Ohio, was partially consumed by fire on Saturday morning last.

Catherine Hayes has announced, through her agent, her intention of soon visiting Cincinnati and Louisville.

A splendid block of store buildings have been erected on Market street, between First and Second.

The emigration to California, Oregon and Texas, this season, will be immense. In every direction we hear of companies being formed.

It is cited as an evidence of good management, that of 174,000 passengers carried over the Little Miami railroad last year, the life of one single passenger was lost.

One of the new passenger cars, built by Messrs. Christopher & Stanchiff, which we spoke of yesterday, has been placed upon the track.

Osborne & Green have removed their auction rooms to the building formerly occupied by P. Donigan & Bro., on Third street, opposite the Democratic office.

The cars on the Jeffersonville and Columbus railroad are now making daily trips to a point eight miles beyond Vienna, a distance of thirty-six miles from Jeffersonville.

FIRES.—The alarm of fire about 1 o'clock yesterday, was caused by the burning of a small frame house on Green street, between Preston and Floyd.

Great complaints are made of the wretched condition of the pump on Fifth street, between Main and the river. We hope the proper authorities will attend to it.

A thief was caught yesterday morning while attempting to break open a gentleman's safe room on a steamboat at the wharf, but managed to make his escape.

Bud Luck.—Mr. J. M. Brown, a returned California man who was robbed of \$1,800 in New Orleans a few weeks since, had his trunk, containing \$500, out from the St. Louis stage a few miles from the latter place, on Friday last.

It will be seen by reference to our advertising columns, that Mr. D. H. Armstrong has removed his Insurance office to Main street.

The new office is No. 439 Main street, adjoining the Franklin Savings' Institution.

Maunsel, White & Co., of New Orleans, publish a card in the Picayune, in which they ascribe their recent failure to the press of their immediate engagements, and their disappointment in receiving produce.

Since the opening of navigation, business in every department has greatly improved. The weather at present is exceedingly favorable for all kinds of out-door transactions, and our merchants seem full of business.

THE THREE CENT PIECES.—E. C. Dale, treasurer of the United States Mint, contradicts the statement that the coinage of three cent pieces had suspended, or was delayed in consequence of a defect in the law of Congress on the subject. The mint has already issued over six millions of pieces, and is now ready to supply all demands for them in sums of \$30, \$60, \$150, or their multiples, the bags of the mint containing those amounts.

A SELF-LOADING GUN.—Resolutions have been unanimously adopted by the Legislature of Tennessee, recommending the Governor to send a number of Porter's self-loading and self-priming rifles as the State may be entitled to under existing laws for the distribution of arms among the States. The committee which reported the resolution stated the rifle could be fired four times in a minute, is simple in its construction, not liable to accident, and in battle would be the most destructive fire-arm ever used, while at the same time it must have a powerful influence in preserving the peace of nations. Here is a chance to procure "material aid" for Hungary.

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Louisville Democrat.]

WASHINGTON, January 29, 1892.

The Mexican indemnity bill, after a burst of indignation on the part of some members, passed without a division. That, of course, ends Duff Green's business before Congress. There are rumors abroad, however, that he may still have to transact some very important business before one of the departments of the government, which may terminate still more unfortunately to himself.

Six thousand dollars were appropriated to relieve the wants of the American prisoners now in Spain, with a proviso, however, that this act is not to be construed into an approbation of their conduct as filibusters.

The matter of public printing is not yet settled; some of the extremists uniting with the whigs to defeat that measure. It is wrong for the ultras, on the eve of a presidential election, to revive all the old issues, and to furnish fresh causes of irritation to the moderates. If Messrs. Armstrong and Donelson are to be struck down, it is because they stood by the constitution and the Union, when factions came near destroying it.

The revival of the feud between Jeff Davis and Gov. Foote is much to be deprecated, as indeed the war between the State rights men and the union democrats of the South generally. It contains the germ of defeat, and of a general dismemberment of the democratic party, unless the breach is healed soon. Everything will depend on the choice of a suitable candidate for the presidency. It is not under a whip administration that the democratic party will come to order; it is under a democratic administration which discriminates between party and faction. Hence the importance of selecting for the presidency a man who can command the support of the democratic party in all sections of the country, and whose election would go to unite the party, instead of severing it, by favoring particular sections or particular sects.

The news from Missouri is pretty good. I heard from a most unquestionable source that the two wings of the democratic party in that State are going to unite, but not under the platform of Col. Benton; but by throwing him overboard, and bringing to either the rank and file. The man on whom they are about to unite is Judge Douglas, of Illinois, as Governor-elect, Gen. Wm. O. Butler, by Col. Benton, has done Gen. Butler great injury. General Butler has been promoted by Col. Benton—of course against his consent.

It is now clearly ascertained that New York has elected twenty hunkler delegates—a majority of them all—which is not favorable to Governor Marcy's prospects. The district system being adopted, Marcy will have some delegates, Cass will have some, and the balance will go to Douglas. The nominee will probably be between Cass and Buchanan, and as between these two no agreement is possible, Judge Douglas must necessarily come in to decide the contest.

SNOW STORM IN NEW ORLEANS.—They really had a snow storm in New Orleans, which created quite a sensation among the denizens of the sunny South. The oldest inhabitant, in that region, was astonished—and the *Picayune* thus graphically describes the scene:

"First it was difficult to say whether the small, white particles that floated about so lightly and capriciously, were not ashes, waited to us, as is frequently the case, from some distant and burning range. Presently, as the fine atoms came down straight and compactly, untroubled were raised, and the clouds were turned up; the pavements looked very damp; windows were opened; faces peered out indignantly. 'Snow! Yes, it is snow!' was the general exclamation, from natives and strangers, old and young, white and black, and the ladies who had never been out of Louisiana, cried 'Mon Dieu!' by dozens, and held up their hands in mingled wonder and excitement—'a couple of little dorks like crying with fright to their mortal enemies, several Congo negroes down town declared positively that the clouds were coming down in pieces; coming round doors were lined with said merchants, watching the fall of the downy drops; equals of boys raced about in wild excitement, shouting 'rally!' whilst every few steps you met some ruddy Northern man, who rubbed his hands and smiled and held out other signs on his countenance that he was taking of the pleasant times when sleigh riding and he were warm friends.

After while a small shot of congealed water changed into large, downy flakes—old fashioned snow flakes—such as we read of in Dickens' Christmas stories, and which give to peasant family pictures of glowing hearths, the social chats and domestic comforts in warm and comfortable parlors. Soon the balconies were covered half an inch deep; hats and coats were silvered over; and the old trees were invested with a pure white raiment, through which here and there peered some obstinate round stone or pile of rubbish.

It was a singular sight—something to stare at and to laugh at and to be merry. Falling snow always has the latter effect on our good natured, whatever its influence on you. It was singular to see me batted to the eyes and coated to the nose, going through the soft snow, gently falling as unheeded, of featherly atoms to catch glimpses of red, white, and blue, and omnibus drivers dashing rapidly by, of gas lights burning dimly, as if waiting for a mere breath—a mere snow flake—to extinguish them. It was more singular still, to see the old trees, with their great handfuls of cold, dripping white down from the balconies and roofs, and even from the streets, and engage in a round or two of snow-balling with one's friends.

Surely, there is something wrong somewhere! Either we are getting into the north pole or the north pole is rousing us up with a long pole—Where is the 'sunny South' gone to? What are we to do? How are we to call the South to order, and for about a week we suspected that it was the 'sunny South' that was wrong, and not the 'sunny South' that was right. What does the oldest inhabitant say? Did he ever? Let us be careful of what we do; prepare for a sudden change from this place to somewhere else—no matter where—in the meantime, however, we will be careful to be about it. 'This weather is most tolerable and not to be endured,' said an ancient policeman; therefore let the police get out search warrants for our 'sunny South' clerk of the climate and bring him back, dead or alive!

THE MINISTRY.—The London *Advertiser* gives the following additional explanations of Lord Palmerston's sudden retirement:

"And now a word or two as to the influences which have operated on Lord John Russell in the deliberate sacrifice he has made of Lord Palmerston. We affirm, in the most confident manner, that the prime mover in the matter has been the entire government of Austria is centered. It was he who, for several months, refused to send any Austrian Ambassador to the Court of St. James's, assigning as the reason, when asked for it, that Lord Palmerston was still at the head of foreign affairs. And it was he who, after the London Convention, refused to allow Lord Palmerston to return, two months previously, from St. Petersburg, the noble Lord had no sooner been ejected from Downing street, than the Russian Ambassador found his way to the Foreign Office, to pay his respects to Lord Granville. Lord John Russell, therefore, has become the instrument of giving effect to the intrigues of Prince Schwarzenberg and his continental co-operators. Lord Palmerston has been subjected to the abuse of the Courts, and the party by whom the disgraceful transaction has been managed is no other than Lord John Russell."

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BEASLEY. JANUARY 9th, 1891. Beware of counterfeiters and imitations. The pro- prietors have added a new wrapper, which is a shield of steel engraving, to avoid the possibility of imposition. For sale by respectable druggists in Louisville. J. B. BAKER.

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at hand, and can be seen by any who feel interested, and as hoped—having happened in a family whose constitution is within plain terms at the head of the column of society, I have no doubt that the rest will doubt of the certainty of cure, as I state below, and all will see at once that hundreds have been designedly misled and kept in ignorance and blindness to side from the cause of the poor and sufferer, with his thousands in store, in wickedly secluded from the blessing of sight—aware, as he supposed, consulted his best informed friend, who answered, "I have no doubt, but for all disease, what you say," and at that moment, perhaps, his sight of the remedy he knows would lead to a certainty twenty-one out of a hundred.

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